(b) if so, details of the recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) A Seven Member Committee set up by the Government to put together the recommendations made by 26 Groups set up in respect of the 34 'Extreme Focus' product groups, has since submitted its report entitled 'Strategy for Export Growth in Extreme Focus Product Groups—An Agenda for Action', which contains a time-bound plan for boosting exports of these items.

(b) The recommendations made in the report relate to time-bound action required with respect to (i) Policy, (ii) Procedures (iii) Infrastructure, and (iv) Institutional mechanism, common across various groups as well as those specific to industry/product groups.

(c) The report is under consideration of the Government.

Activities of Rubber and Cotton Boards

4183. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unlike NDDB and other Boards engagement largely in development activties, The Rubber, Tea and Coffee Boards are uncertain of their future as reported in the "Mail" of the 5th July, 1992; and

(b) whether Government propose to convert all such Boards into Developmental Boards on the lines of NDDB Act, 1987 and free it from obligations of production and exports and the controls of CAG over the consolidated Funds of India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

New Guidelines for Joint Ventures abroad

4184. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised new guidelines for approval of joint ventures abroad;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when the new guidelines in this regard are likely to be finalised?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c) Revision of Guidelines for overseas joint ventures is under consideration.

Import of edible oil from USA

4185. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have entered into an agreement with US for import of soyabeen oil from US;

(b) if so, what are the other varieties of edible oils India would be importing during the current financial year and from which countries; and

(c) what is the total requirement of edible oils in the country and quantities of edible oils India may have to import?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.